

The Dunn House  
105 South Sycamore Street  
Petersburg, Virginia  
DINWIDDIE Co.

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ESTATE OF JOHN G. DUNN

Owner: Reverend J. B. Dunn, Duntreath, Virginia

Date of Erection: 1833

Architect:

Builder: John Dunn

Present Condition: The building is in a good state of preservation and appears to have been little changed except by an addition to the rear with necessary alterations. For city property, it has an unusual number of outbuildings remaining.

Number of Stories: Basement with two stories above.

Materials of Construction: The exterior walls of the original building are of brick, laid Flemish bond. Walls of the addition are also of brick. The roof is hipped and covered with slate. The mantels in the first and second stories of the original portion are marble. One of the first floor rooms has panelled wainscoting and the other rooms have chair rail. Elsewhere, the walls and ceilings are plastered and the woodwork painted.

Other Existing Records: Recorded in the Land Book of Petersburg for 1834, Lots No. 152, 153, 154, 155, on East Walnut Street were owned by John Dunn residing in Petersburg. The buildings were valued at \$5,000, with the word "Mansion" in the records. The property was listed as a new transfer from Eliza Levering.

In the Topographical Map of Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Sycamore Street was recorded as Walnut Street.

Additional Data: Rev. Dunn, the present owner, made the following statement:

"The house was erected between 1830-1840, probable date 1832. Built under the direction of the owner, John Dunn. Left it at his death to his widow in 1879. It was bought in by her son, John G. Dunn, from the estate and owned by him until his

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death in 1920. Then, it was left to his son and daughter, who still own it. The property has never been out of the family."

Bibliography:

Dinwiddie County Tax Land Book, Dated 1834. Filed in the Archives of the Virginia State Library.

Topographical Map of Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Date 1877. From actual Surveys and Records published for the Southern and Southwestern Surveying and Publishing Company, F. W. Beers, C. E., J. P. Brown manager. Filed in the Archives of the Virginia State Library.

Personal conversation with Rev. J. B. Dunn, the present owner, who is the grandson of the builder.

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